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## TV WHAT'S ON? RADIO

### Soviet Envoy Outtalks David Susskind on TV

By BEN GROSS

(Reprinted from yesterday's late editions)

Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov performed the gargantuan feat of outtalking David Susskind on Channel 5, 9 to 11, Sunday night. The latter's interview with him

was like a playing of "The Broken Record," an old song in which the words were repeated over and over again.

The Russian envoy parroted endlessly the oft-spoken thoughts of his master, Khrushchev, including the brandishing of the 100-megaton bomb.

He said that a new series of Russian explosions in the atmosphere is at hand, if the U.S. does not put an end to its own nuclear tests immediately. Furthermore, he told Susskind, "it's quite possible" that the super-bombs would be exploded during these experiments.

#### Details Destruction

Menshikov added the many-times-repeated warning that fallout shelters—the Kennedy administration proposed a \$700 million system last week—would "not protect the lives of the people as everything within hundreds of miles from the epicenter of the explosion would be destroyed."

When Susskind mentioned that the Soviet was \$41 million in arrears its dues to the United Nations, the ambassador excused this on the ground that Russia does not like the UN's action on the Congo.

#### No Soviet-Chinese Rift

Also, he confirmed what many astute observers have long believed, that despite the disputes raging between Russia and Red



David  
Susskind



Monique  
Van Vooren

China, there is "no serious" ideological rift between them.

Smiling, at times affable, and speaking in English, Menshikov spouted the same old Kremlin line: A peace treaty must be signed with East Germany . . . but it would be possible for those not signing to conclude some arrangement with the "sovereign" East Germans.

#### They 'Like' Communism

And—oh, yes—the East Germans favor their Communist government. And what about Soviet colonialism in Hungary, Poland and other countries? Why, the people like it, etc., etc.

Just as when he interviewed Khrushchev, Susskind was unable to budge the ambassador. So he tried to argue. It reminded one of the recent session between President Kennedy and K's son-in-law, editor Alexei Adzhubel. But no

use. Menshikov overwhelmed him with a Niagara of verbiage, a torrent of portentous double-talk.

I think David had better give up on the Russians.

#### 'Trick or Treason':

In the heavy script of the espionage thriller, "Trick or Treason" on the Show of the Week, Channel 4, 10 to 11, a voice tells viewers that the late Gen. William Donovan, director of the Office of Strategic Services, was happy to have the story of the OSS' great deception finally told.

This melodrama presumed to tell it. It was a tale of how American secret agents and their foreign colleagues fooled the Nazis by making them believe that the D-Day invasion of Europe would be through Holland rather than France. As a result, thousands of Allied soldiers' lives were saved.

There is some reason to doubt that this play by Leo Tokatyán is an absolutely faithful account of that maneuver. Some of the incidents seemed to be the red hot products of the fiction writer's typewriter and several of the agents who were not in on the big secret appeared to be unbelievably careless in the discharge of their duties.

#### Held One's Interest

But judged purely as a thriller, "Trick or Treason" held one's interest. It was fast-moving under Leonard Horn's direction and abounded in suspense.

Monique Van Vooren, the night club star, playing a Nazi spy, proved that she is far more than a mere busty blonde. She has talent as an actress. Other vivid performances were those of Martin Gabel as Col. Di Luca, Peter Thompson as Capt. Delaney, Tom Helmore as Major Osborn and Russell Collins as the Dutch patriot, Dr. Struycken.